



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 11, 1999

### **H.R. 221**

#### **A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Education and the Workforce  
on February 10, 1999*

H.R. 221 would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) to permit youths between the ages of 14 and 18 who are members of a religious sect or division that does not permit formal teaching beyond the eighth grade to be employed in the processing of wood products. Absent this legislation, certain Amish-owned sawmills could face fines for child labor law violations. CBO estimates these fines would be less than \$30,000 each year. Therefore, enactment of this bill would result in a reduction of receipts from such fines, but the amount is likely to be insignificant. Nevertheless, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply.

H.R. 221 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not have any significant effects on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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